

Supawna Meadows

National Wildlife Refuge

Fact Sheet for Members of Congress

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Profile

Established:	1973
Current acres:	2,857
Proposed total acres:	4,567
Staff:	3
FY 2003 budget:	\$669,486
2003 volunteer hours:	1,700
2003 visitation:	6,642

Purpose

The refuge was established to conserve important habitat along the Delaware River for migratory birds and threatened and endangered plants and animals.

Public Use Opportunities

- Historic lighthouse tour
- Waterfowl hunting
- Permit hunt for white-tailed deer
- Wildlife observation, photography, environmental education and interpretation
- Fishing

Management Activities

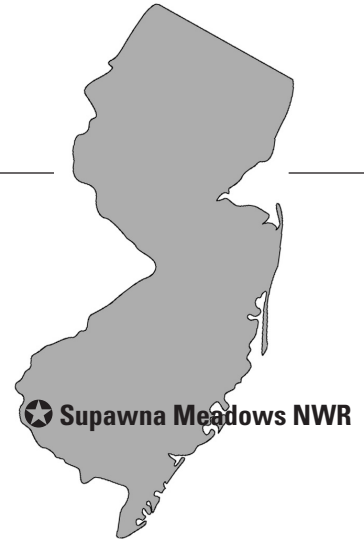
- Maintaining 90 acres of early successional forest for woodcock
- Managing impoundments to provide migration and wintering habitat for waterfowl, wading birds and shorebirds
- Partnering with New Jersey Fish and Wildlife on waterfowl census and banding projects
- Managing 80 acres of former cropland to provide grassland habitat for nesting birds
- Restoring 2,000 acres of tidal marsh to control phragmites and increase plant diversity as funds are available
- Maintaining 100 wood duck nest boxes through volunteer efforts
- Protecting species by limiting recreation as necessary

Highlights

The refuge is mainly brackish tidal marsh with essential feeding and resting areas for wintering and migrating waterfowl.

Herons, egrets and sandpipers feed in the marshes. The refuge and surrounding areas have supported more than 6,000 pairs of these species.

The Finns Point Rear Range Light is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is part of the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail. Volunteers offer monthly tours from April through October.



Issues

Several 100+ acre tracts are available for purchase within the approved boundary.

Refuge lands are heavily impacted by invasive species, including phragmites, that negatively affect habitat value.

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